

THE SADNESS OF THE NEWS

Mickey Mouse is 55 years old today, and they kidnapped Mr. Heineken and his chauffeur, they want ten million ransom, that's just like kidnapping Santa Claus, I've drunk at least a thousand bottles of Heineken (I like the green, not the brown) and why don't they kidnap Mickey Mouse? Mickey Mouse is more nothing than anything I can think of; I mean, you can't even hate Mickey Mouse because there's nothing there, and that's good for the children, it doesn't get them upset, they don't have to think about a thing and when they grow up they can keep on doing that until Mickey commits suicide or gets hit by the mafia or falls out of a blimp and busts his rodent ass, but Mr. Heineken, that's not nice about him, I've seen his name on too many beer bottle labels, there's a kinship, maybe he's too rich and maybe I helped make him that way, Mr. Heineken is even older than Mickey Mouse and has made me feel better, and I look in the papers every day searching for developments, and right now I only hope he doesn't get hurt or his chauffeur either, I remember how a bottle of that cool green in the morning was the best cure for hangovers around.

-- Charles Bukowski

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- 1981: David Barker's Faded Bungalows (regular edition plus ltd. ed. of 5 copies with 10 photos by Judy Barker, iii + 16 pp.) unpriced fm. Rumba Train Press, 6023 Village Rd., Lakewood CA 90713 (now: 1595 Saginaw St. South, Salem OR 97303.
- 1982: Greg Boyd's Circus Deluxe (with prints and cover by the author, 56 pp.) \$5 fm. Jump River Press Inc., Rt. 1 Box 10, Prentice WI 54556.
- 1983: Alan Catlin's Animal Acts (92 pp.) \$3.95 fm. Quality Publications Ltd., P.O. Box 2633, Lakewood OH 44107.
- 1984: Kirk Robertson's Two Weeks Off (with drawings by David Barker, 48 pp.) \$5.00 fm. Floating Island Publications, P.O. Box 516, Point Reyes CA 94956.